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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 699**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Lieber**

February 19, 2003

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An act relating to construction inspectors.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 699, as amended, Lieber. Hospital and school construction inspectors.

Existing law provides that the State Architect, under the Department of General Services, has general charge of the erection of all state buildings, including schools, and requires the State Architect to assign an inspector to each state building, except a public works project subject to the jurisdiction of another state agency, during its construction. Existing law provides that the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development is responsible for the Facilities Construction Unit, which is responsible for the building standards and inspection of hospital buildings.

This bill would require the Office of the Legislative Analyst, not later than January 1, 2005, to complete and submit to the Legislature a study concerning the construction inspector certification programs of the Office of Statewide Health, Planning and Development and the Department of General Services, as specified. ~~The bill would also require those agencies not later than July 1, 2004, to submit to the Office of the Legislative Analyst specified information for the preparation of~~

~~the study and would require them to increase inspector certification fees to offset their costs incurred.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~ *no*.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. ~~(a)~~ Not later than January 1, 2005, the Office of  
2 the Legislative Analyst shall complete and submit to the  
3 Legislature a study concerning the construction inspector  
4 certification programs of the Office of Statewide Health Planning  
5 and Development and the Department of General Services. The  
6 study shall do all of the following:

7 ~~(1)~~

8 (a) Assess whether the current tests and minimum  
9 requirements for testing of hospital and school construction  
10 inspectors adequately address the knowledge, skills, and abilities  
11 needed to competently perform those inspections.

12 ~~(2)~~

13 (b) Review the recruitment and retention of construction  
14 inspectors to determine what efforts may be made by the Office of  
15 Statewide Health Planning and Development and the Department  
16 of General Services to increase the number of certified  
17 construction inspectors from underrepresented groups.

18 ~~(3)~~

19 (c) Determine whether the certification programs of the Office  
20 of Statewide Health Planning and Development and the  
21 Department of General Services will ensure the certification of an  
22 adequate number of school and hospital construction inspectors to  
23 meet projected school and hospital construction needs.

24 ~~(4)~~

25 (d) Examine the certification, recertification, and discipline  
26 policies, procedures, and programs of the Office of Statewide  
27 Health Planning and Development and the Department of General  
28 Services to determine whether all applicable regulations and  
29 procedures have been followed fairly and without regard to race,  
30 sex, national origin, or any other category against which  
31 discrimination is prohibited.

32 ~~(b) Not later than July 1, 2004, the Office of Statewide Health~~  
33 ~~Planning and Development and the Department of General~~

1 ~~Services shall provide to the Office of the Legislative Analyst for~~  
2 ~~the preparation of the study required in subdivision (a) the~~  
3 ~~following information:~~

4 ~~(1) A list of existing programs and activities related to the four~~  
5 ~~areas described in paragraphs (1) to (4), inclusive, of subdivision~~  
6 ~~(a).~~

7 ~~(2) A list of proposed programs and activities related to the four~~  
8 ~~areas described in paragraphs (1) to (4), inclusive, of subdivision~~  
9 ~~(a).~~

10 ~~(3) Any other information requested in a timely manner by the~~  
11 ~~Office of the Legislative Analyst in order to complete the study~~  
12 ~~required in subdivision (a).~~

13 ~~(c) The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development~~  
14 ~~and the Department of General Services shall increase inspector~~  
15 ~~certification fees in amounts necessary to offset costs incurred in~~  
16 ~~connection with the study.~~

